

Local residents, veterans, and small business and medical groups speak out about the healthcare bill that passed the House on March 21, 2010. Congressman John Adler opposed the bill arguing that it did not do enough to lower costs or make health care affordable for middle-class families and small business owners.

Daniel Roccato, Moorestown Mayor and small business owner

"We appreciate Congressman Adler listening to South Jersey residents. As a small business owner, I'm glad he recognizes that it is not right to place additional economic burdens on businesses during these tough times. As Mayor of Moorestown, I appreciate Congressman Adler being an independent voice in Washington."

Al Bucchi, Legislative Director of the New Jersey VFW and Jack Shiverdaker, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of New Jersey

"Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan should not have to worry about their dependents' healthcare programs, or the health care they will receive as veterans. By opposing this bill, Congressman Adler is showing once again that he is focused on protecting the brave men and women who serve our great country. He is standing up for what he believes in, and on behalf of New Jersey veterans, we thank him."

Kristi Howell-Ikeda, Burlington County Chamber President

"We are pleased to have a man like John Adler representing us with strong convictions to ensure that any health care legislation that may be passed will be good for small business."

Laurie Ehlbeck, state director of the National Federation of Independent Business/New Jersey

"Rep. Adler understands that small businesses are vital to our economic recovery. His decision and announcement today to vote no on the healthcare bill before the U.S. House is welcome relief for small business owners in New Jersey."

Michael Kornett, Medical Society of New Jersey Chief Executive Officer

"We are very proud that we have a Representative in the State of New Jersey that will stand up for what is right. We applaud Congressman Adler for his understanding and willingness to listen to physicians and health care professionals."

R. Bruce Josten, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President of Government Affairs

"Congressman Adler has stood up for the working families and small businesses in his district by saying 'no' to this health care bill that would raise their taxes and jeopardize employer-sponsored health coverage.

Jerry Thompson, Marketing Director for Van Dyk Group

"We thank Congressman Adler for doing the right thing and opposing the health care bill. We need health care reform, but this bill does not solve the problem of rising premiums that our businesses face. We appreciate the Congressman's vote and know he will continue fighting for small businesses."

John Engler, the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) President

"Manufacturers commend Congressman Adler for his leadership and political courage in opposing this fundamentally flawed legislation. The United States has lost more than 2 million manufacturing jobs since December 2007. Congressman Adler recognized that this legislation will put additional burdens on America's job creators."